

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2366

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2366.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to gather and compile information necessary to develop a New Jersey Report Card of Hospital Maternity Care. The report card is to be designed to inform members of the public about maternity care provided by each general hospital licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), and would be made available on the website of the Department of Health and updated annually.

For each hospital, the report card is to include the number of vaginal deliveries performed, the number of cesarean deliveries performed, and the rates of certain complications listed in the bill, based on the type of delivery.

The bill also provides that the commissioner is to revise or add factors to be included in the report card based on maternal quality indicators as may be recommended by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

According to an article in the August 2014 edition of the magazine Health Affairs, the rate of obstetrical complications varies across hospitals. This bill is intended to help families select a hospital based on information about maternity care at hospitals in the State.